BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2004-329-T

IN RE:)	
Application of H & F Transfer, Incorporated d/b/a)	SETTLEMENT
Palmetto Specialty Transfer to Amend it's Class E		AGREEMENT
Certificate of Public convenience and Necessity No.	í	
9749-A	í	

This Settlement Agreement is made by and among the Office of Regulatory Staff of South Carolina ("ORS") and H & F Transfer, Incorporated d/b/a Palmetto Specialty Transfer ("H & F"), collectively referred to as the "Parties" or sometimes individually as a "Party."

WHEREAS H & F possesses a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (No. 9749-A) issued by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in Order No. 2005-174 which permits it to operate as a mover of household goods between points and places in Richland, Lexington, and Aiken Counties, and;

WHEREAS H & F filed an Application with the Commission on February 14, 2006 requesting to expand its scope of authority to permit H & F to move household goods "between points and places in South Carolina," and;

WHEREAS, H & F's Application for statewide authority was properly noticed by the Commission and no other parties intervened in this matter, and;

WHEREAS, the parties to this Settlement Agreement are the parties of record in the above-captioned docket and there are no other parties of record in this proceeding, and;

WHEREAS, the ORS has inspected the vehicles and facilities of the Applicant and found them to be adequate to serve the expanded service area sought in the applications, has found the Applicant to be in compliance with all of the Commission and ORS rules and Regulations, and has found that the Applicant has no record of any consumer complaints with the ORS, and;

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in discussions, most recently on July 5, 2006, to determine if a settlement of this proceeding would be in their best interest;

WHEREAS, following these discussions the Parties determined that their interest and the interests of the Public would be best served by settling the above captioned case under the terms and conditions set forth below:

- 1. The Parties agree to stipulate into the record before the Commission sworn testimony of H & F witnesses Tyler Fairey and Kathryn Anderson without objection, change, amendment, or cross-examination.
- 2. The Parties further agree and stipulate that the Applicant H & F has shown that it is fit, willing and able to proved household goods moving services on a state-wide basis, that the expansion of H & F's service area would serve a need for consumers in this state, and that the granting by the Commission of the pending application would be in the public interest.
- 3. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith with one another in recommending to the Commission that this Settlement Agreement be accepted and approved by the Commission as a fair, reasonable, and full resolution of the above-captioned proceeding. The Parties agree to use reasonable efforts to defend and support any

- Commission Order issued approving this Settlement Agreement and the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 4. The Parties agree that by signing this Settlement Agreement, it will not constrain, inhibit, or impair in any way their arguments or positions they may choose to make in future proceedings. If the Commission should decline to approve the Settlement Agreement in its entirety, then any party desiring to do so may withdraw from the Settlement Agreement without penalty.
- 5. This Agreement should be interpreted according to South Carolina law.
- 6. Each Party acknowledges its consent and agreement to this Settlement Agreement by authorizing its counsel to affix his or her signature to this document where indicated below. Counsel's signature represents his or her representation that his or her client has authorized the execution of this Settlement Agreement. Facsimile signatures and e-mail signatures shall be as effective as original signatures to bind any party. This document may be signed in counterparts, with the various signature pages combined with the body of the document constituting an original and provable copy of this Settlement Agreement.

WE AGREE:

Representing and binding the Office of Regulatory Staff.

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WE AGREE:

Representing and binding H & F Transfer, Incorporated d/b/a Palmetto Specialty Transfer

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Amend its Class E Certificate of Public)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Pamela J. McMullan, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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Michael C. Hunter, Secretary/Treasurer H & F Transfer, Incorporated 1024 Ferguson Street Columbia, SC, 29201

Pamela J. McMullan

July 5, 2006 Columbia, South Carolina